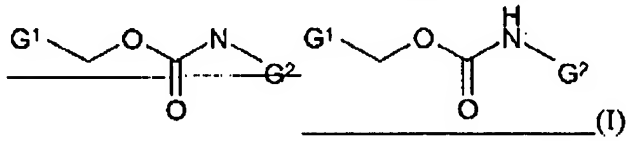
CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5 with the following paragraph:

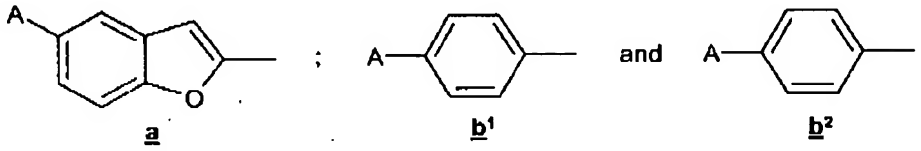
--This invention relates to compounds **comprising of the formula** Formula I:



(I)

wherein:

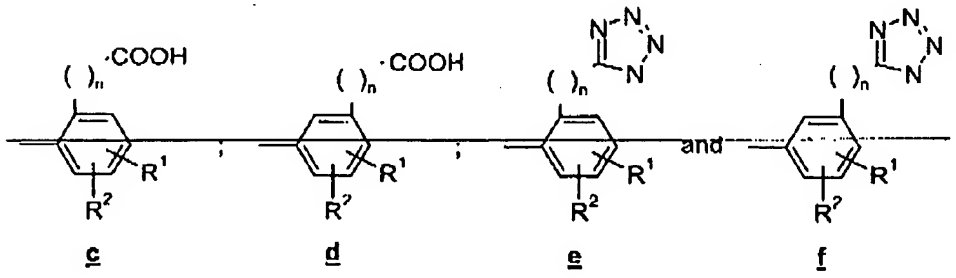
G^1 is selected from the group consisting of a, b^1 and b^2



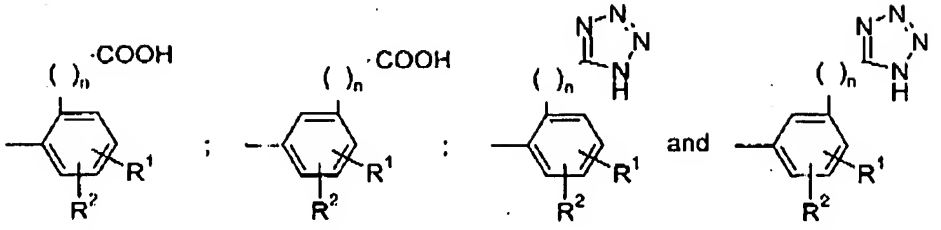
a **b^1** **b^2**

A is selected from the group phenyl, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrazinyl, and thienyl, all optionally substituted with lower alkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, alkoxy, cyano, nitro, $-SO_2R'$, $-NSO_2R'$, $-SO_2NR'R''$, $-NR'R''$, or $-COR'$; R' and R" are each independently hydrogen or lower alkyl;

G^2 is selected from the group represented by the Formula **c**, **d**, **e**, and **f**



c **d** **e** **f**



c d e f

R^1 and R^2 are independently in each occurrence selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, lower alkyl, halogen, haloalkyl, nitro, -NR'R", -OR', -NR'SO_2R", -SO_2R', -COR', cyano, nitro, phenyl (optionally substituted with halo, alkyl, cyano, nitro, or alkoxy), or heteroaryl (optionally substituted with halo, alkyl, cyano, nitro or alkoxy); and wherein R' and R" are as defined hereinbefore;

R^1 and R^2, if adjacent, taken together with the carbons to which they are attached may also form an aromatic ring, optionally substituted with one or two substitutents selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, halo, cyano, or lower alkoxy;

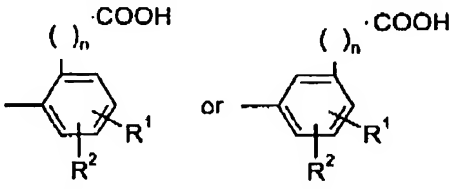
n is an integer selected from 0, 1, 2 and 3;

or prodrugs, or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 5 line 19 with the following paragraph:

--In another aspect, the invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of Formula I wherein G^2 is a group represented by the formulae c or d, which comprises:

esterification of the compounds having a general Formula 2 or 3:



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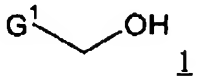
wherein n, R^1 and R^2 are as defined herein,

acylation with phosgene, followed by reaction with a compound of general Formula 1



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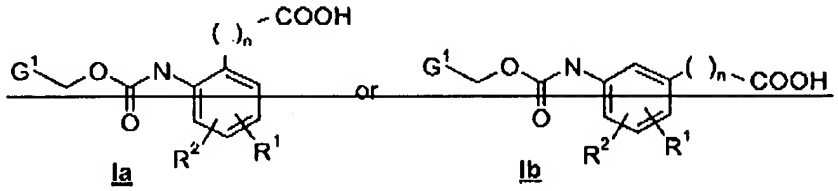
wherein G^1 is as defined herein,

and hydrolysis, to provide a compound of the general Formula Ia or Ib



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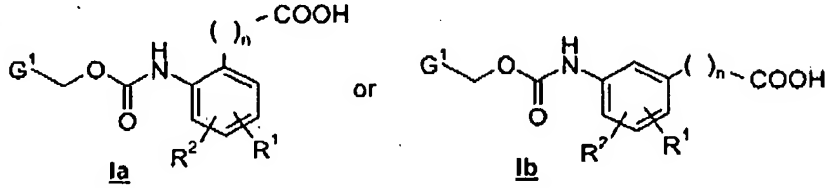


Ia Ib

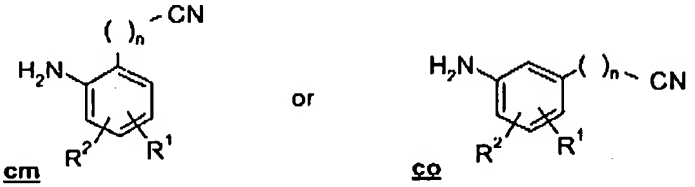
wherein n, G^1, R^1, and R^2 are as defined herein.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 6 line 10 with the following paragraph:

--In another aspect, the invention relates to a process for preparing a compound of Formula I wherein G^2 is a group represented by the formulae c or d, which comprises:

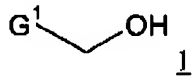
esterification of the compounds having a general Formula c or f which comprises:

acylation with phosgene of a compound of general Formula cm or co,



cm co

followed by reaction with a compound of general Formula 2



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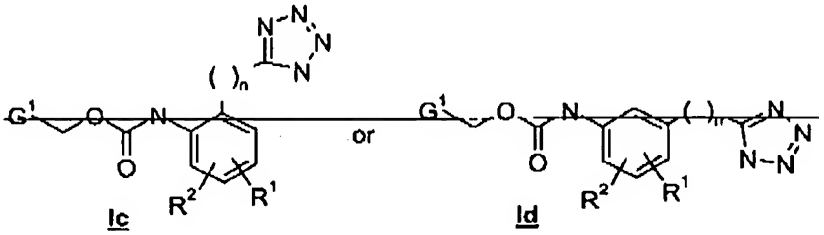
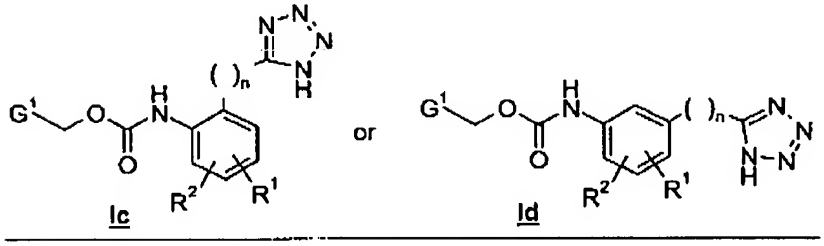
wherein G^1 is as defined herein,

and treatment with azide to provide a compound of general Formula Ic



Ic or Id

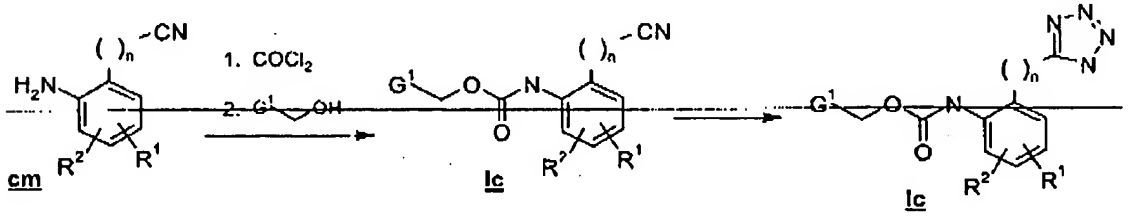


Ic or Id

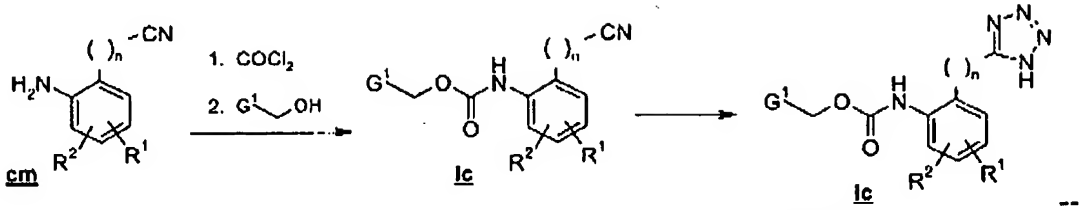
wherein n, G^1, R^1, and R^2 are as defined herein.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 25 line 10 with the following paragraph:

--Scheme C describes a method of preparing a compound of Formula I wherein G^2 is a compound represented by Formula e or f, wherein e or f, n, G^1, R^1, and R^2, are as defined in the Summary of the Invention.

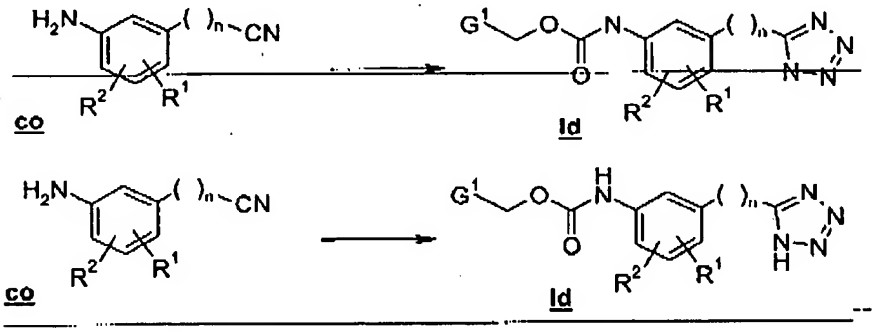


cm Ic Ic



Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 25 line 16 with the following paragraph:

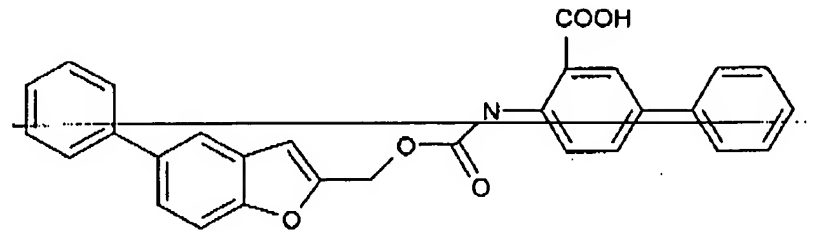
--Generally as set forth in Scheme C, a certain amino-benzonitrile of general Formula **cm** can be acylated with phosgene in an inert solvent to give the isocyanate that can subsequently react with a hydroxymethanol of general Formula **1**, to give the carbamate of general Formula **cn**, under similar conditions as described in Schemes A and B. Treatment of the nitrile group with sodium azide can yield the tetrazolyl derivative of general Formula Ic. Compounds of general Formula cm, wherein R^1 is phenyl or heteroaryl can be prepared from the appropriate starting halo-amino-nitrile derivative with phenyl or heteroaryl boronic acid in the presence of a catalyst preferably tetrakis-triphenylphosphine-palladium and a base such as sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate.

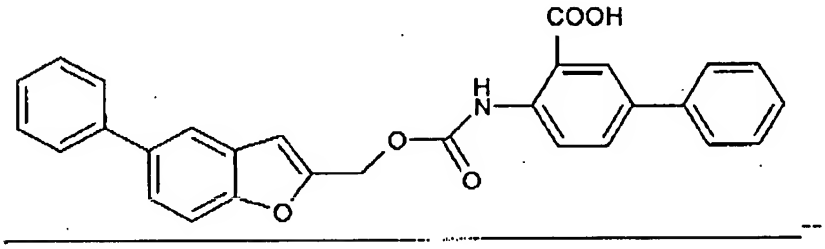


Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 38, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 1

4-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid





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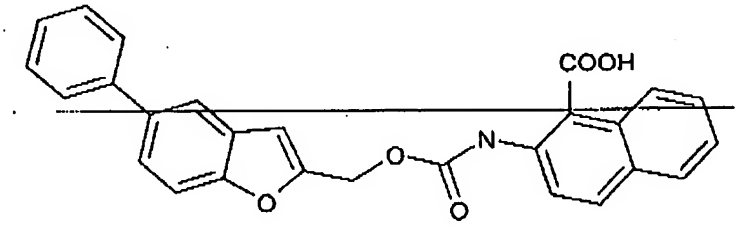
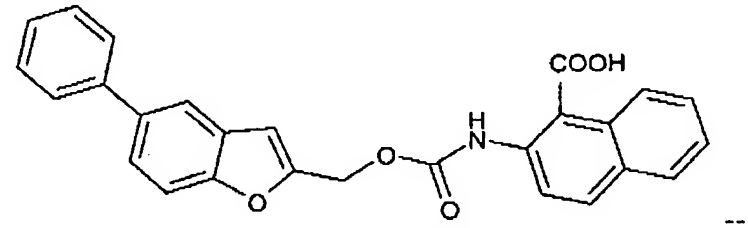
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 42, line 4 with the following paragraph:

--Example 2

2-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-naphthalene-1-carboxylic Acid





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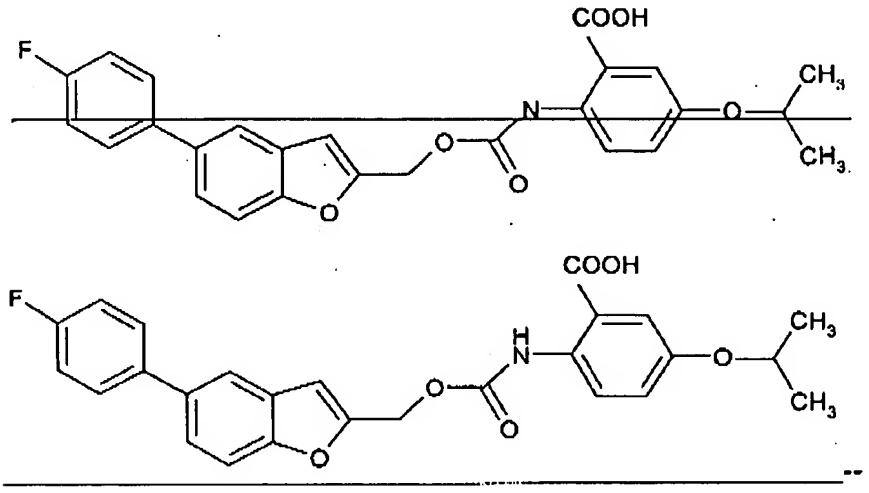
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 44, line 19 with the following paragraph:

--Example 3

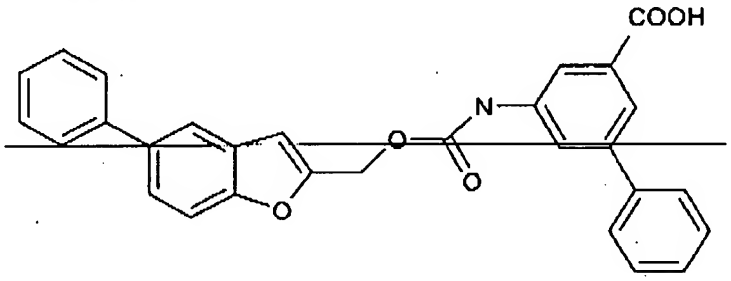
2-[5-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino]-5-isopropoxy-benzoic Acid

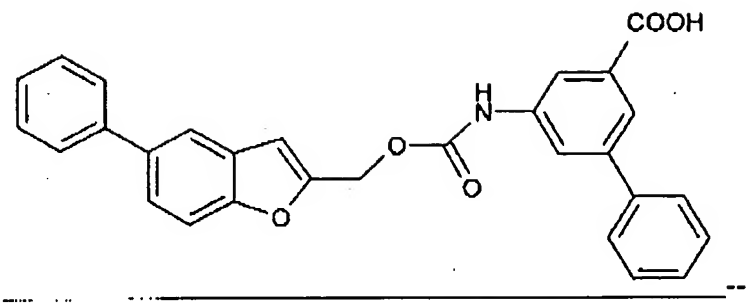


Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 46, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 4

5-(5-Phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid

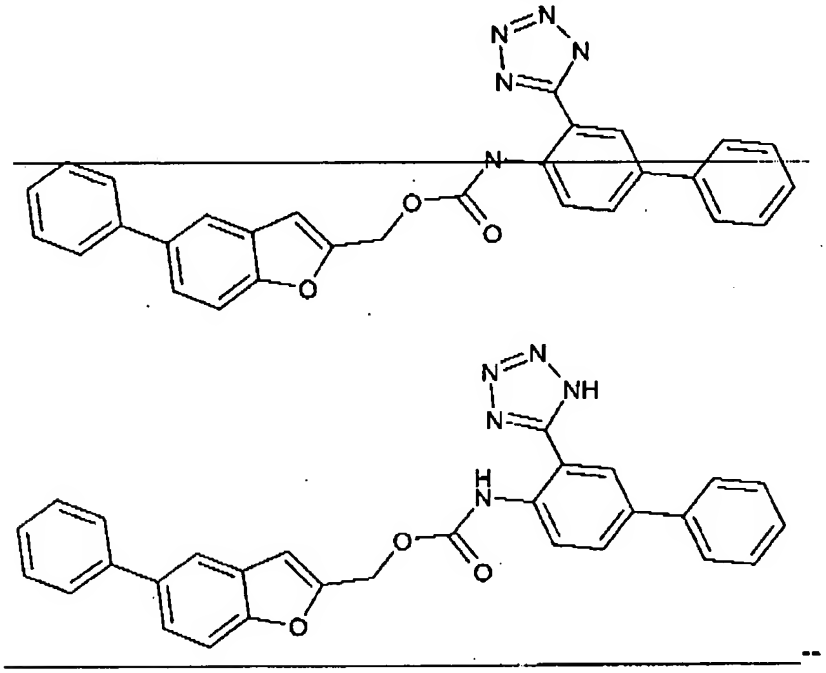




Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 48, line 20 with the following paragraph:

--Example 5

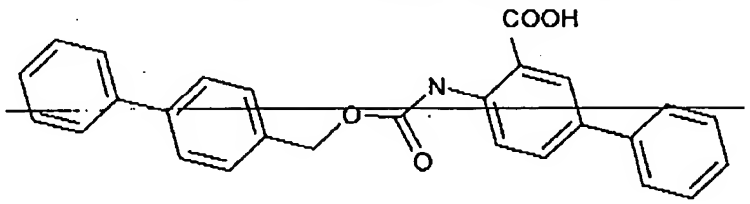
3-(1H-Tetrazol-5-yl)-biphenyl-4-yl-carbamic Acid 5-phenyl-benzofuran-2-ylmethyl ester

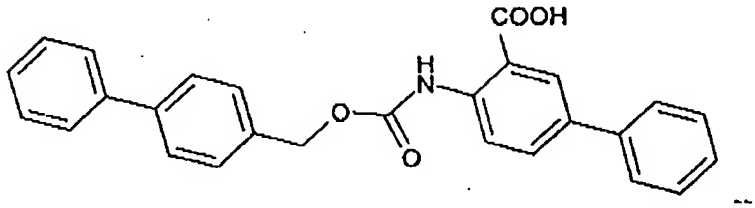


Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 51, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 6

4-(Biphenyl-4-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-biphenyl-3-carboxylic Acid





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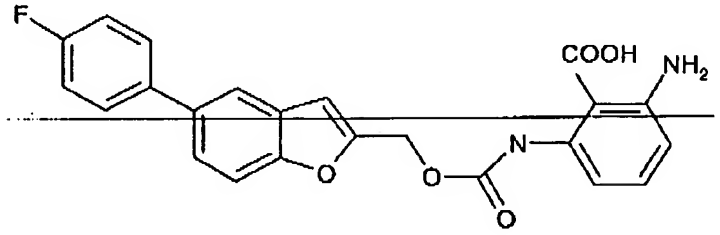
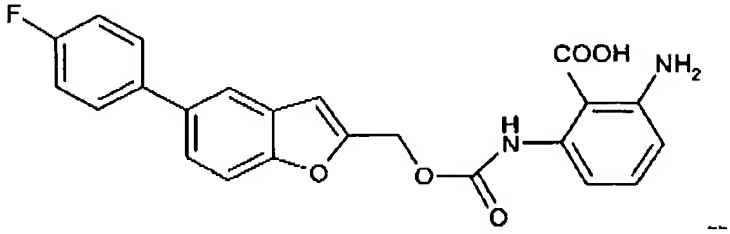
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 52, line 1 with the following paragraph:

--Example 7

2-Amino-6-[5-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-benzofuran-2-ylmethoxycarbonylamino]-benzoi- c Acid





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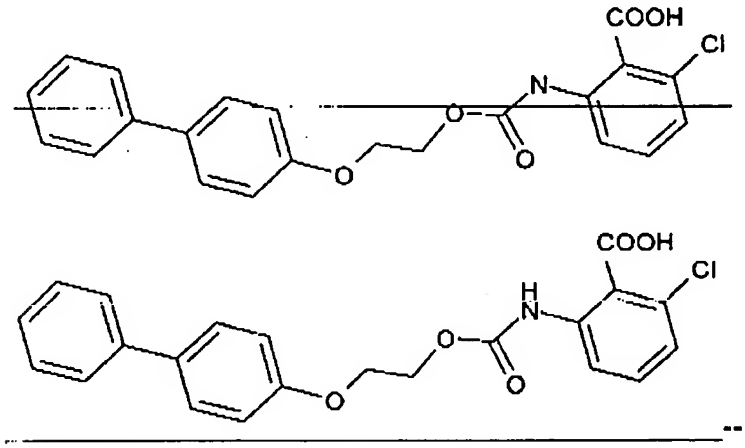
Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 53, line 4 with the following paragraph:

--Example 8

2-[2-(Biphenyl-4-yloxy)-ethoxycarbonylamino]-6-chloro-benzoic Acid



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